Recognizing and Celebrating Student Veterans and Nontraditional Students

Student veterans and military connected families and nontraditional students are being recognized and celebrated for their service and contribution to the UW-Whitewater community through a variety of programs and events in November.

The Warhawk military community’s family of Veterans, Active Duty Service (National Guard/Reservist) and their family members number more than 1,600. Their experience in the military enhance our campus and classrooms and we recognize their service to the country this month. Exhibits, activities, and programs will be taking place throughout the month, including an honor tree in the UC, a suicide prevention workshop, and an open house with light refreshments in the Veterans & Military Service Members Lounge in Andersen Library. The annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 10 at 11:00 in the Hamilton Center in the UC. The ceremony will include a presentation of the honor guard, a 21 gun salute, display of 27 pairs of combat boots in memory of the twenty seven Veterans per day that commit suicide in the “War at Home,” distinguished speaker and student speaker. The event is open to the public and the community is encouraged to attend. A full schedule for Veterans Week 2017 can be found here.
UW-Whitewater is also home to about 850 nontraditional students – people over 25 who are enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. Many of these students are also parents, working off campus, and/or caregivers. Across the U.S., nontraditional students are being celebrated during the week of November 6. At UW-W, activities and programs are being held online, on campus, and in the “Non Trad Pad” in UC 133. One highlight of the week is the Student Success Reception on November 7 where winners of the Outstanding Adult Student award and the faculty CARE winner will be honored. This year’s student recipients are Ann Nelson (Accounting), Lisa Revels (Special Education), Brandon Schultz (Biology), Mary Abbott (Art) and Christy Willett (Social Work) and the faculty recipient is Jonathan Ivry (Languages & Literatures). A full schedule for Nontraditional Student week can be found here.
Partnership Leads to Conference for Professionals and Caregivers

UW-Whitewater partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to host a conference on campus in September. Now is the Time: Improving Supports for Wisconsin’s Youth and Young Adults brought together professionals, providers, families and caregivers to a two-day conference featuring national keynote speakers and breakout sessions with experts in mental health, substance abuse, youth engagement and best practices to support and engage youth with behavioral and health challenges. The event was made possible through a grant from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration. Over 30 presenters from organizations such as the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the Waisman Center, and Georgetown University shared their expertise with approximately 350 attendees.
Creative Writing Festival Features Session in the Spirit of Local Poet

The 33rd Annual Creative Writing Festival will be held at UW-Whitewater on November 15. Each year, over 700 high
school students and teachers participate in the day of stimulating exposure to the writing of their peers and the chance to hear their work discussed and evaluation by professional writers in a college setting. Students can submit their original works into 12 categories for review, including children’s literature, screenplay, multimedia, poetry and science fiction. New this year, the festival will offer a special Lorine Niedecker workshop. The “Poetry of Place” workshop will allow students to submit poems or short prose in the spirit of the Objectivist poet from Fort Atkinson.

Upcoming Events

- “Communicating Up, Down, Across and Out” is the theme for UW-Whitewater’s new Local Government Leadership Workshop, November 10.
- Free concert features Fall Horn Festival participants, November 11.
- The National Black Student Union Conference returns to UW-Whitewater for the second year, November 17-19.
- Visit our website for more!